

SILLY PIG, PARKS ARE FOR SKIDS!

THE GRANDVIEW-WOODLANDS COMMUNITY POLICING CENTRE IS RENEWING ITS ATTEMPTS TO MOVE INTO GRANDVIEW PARK GARETAKER'S RESIDENCE. THIS TIME THEY HAVE SENT OUT A "COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE" IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE LEGITIMACY FOR THE MOVE. THEY SAY THAT IF THEIR NO CLEAR MAJORITY SUPPORTING THE MOVE THEY WILL WITHDRAW THEIR PROPOSAL. THERE ARE SEVERAL PROBLEMS WITH THIS, HOWEVER—

THE MOVE WOULD MEAN AN INCREASED POLICE PRESENCE IN THE PARK, AND WOULD PROVIDE A POLITICAL GROUP WITH PUBLICLY SUBSIDIZED SPACE. THIS CPC WAS A LEADING FORCE BEHIND THE CITY'S ANTI-PANHANDLING BY-LAW, AND THE OFFICE HAS SERVED IN THE PAST AS AN ORGANIZING CENTRE FOR CAMPAIGNS BY NIMBYS AND KNOW-NOTHINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO LOBBY AGAINST METHADONE CLINICS AND HALFWAY HOUSES. THEY HAVE ALSO HOSTED LAW & ORDER SPEAKERS. THIS IS POLITICAL ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF A POLICE AGENCY, NOT TO MENTION A CHARITABLE-STATUS NOT-FOR-PROFIT.

THEY ARE NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMUNITY, BUT REPRESENT A MORE NARROW IDEOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC INTEREST — THAT OF PROPERTY OWNERS WHO WANT TO RAISE THEIR LAND VALUES BY CLEARING THE COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE THEY CONSIDER UNDESIREABLE. ALREADY THE PARK HAS BEEN BUM-PROOFED BY THE REMOVAL OF BENCHES AND SHRUBBERY. THEIR FINAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF POVERTY AND DRUG USE IS TO HAVE THE POLICE PHYSICALLY REMOVE ANYONE THAT IS HOMELESS OR "LOOKS LIKE A JUNKIE." THEIR PRESENCE THERE WILL ONLY FORCE MORE PEOPLE ONTO THE STREETS. THEIR NON-PROFIT FUNDING WOULD BE BETTER SPENT ON SOCIAL HOUSING, AND THEY CERTAINLY SHOULDN'T BE THE RECIPIENTS OF SOCIAL HOUSING FROM THE PARKS BOARD.

VOICE YOUR DISGUST WITH THEIR COMMUNITY POLICING FARCE ON

11 AM FRIDAY 7th JANUARY 2000

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THE *AD HOC* COMMITTEE FOR GRANDVIEW PARK
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